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Road Projects Advance in County Areas

SAN BERNARDINO – The Board of Supervisors today took action to advance road projects in Oak Hills, Wrightwood, and Lucerne Valley.

“I am especially pleased we are moving forward to improve the situation around the new Oak Hills High School,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt. “While the County didn’t build the new school or cause the additional traffic and isn’t obligated to address it, the El Centro Road paving project is an example of the County being a good neighbor and putting taxpayer dollars to work where the need exists.”

The board approved plans to pave the dirt portion of El Centro Road from Coyote Trail to Escondido Avenue to improve traffic conditions near Oak Hills High School, which the school district did not address when it built the campus.

Bidding on the project will open on September 30 and the county plans to award a construction contract on October 19. The county estimates the project will cost \$415,000. It will be financed by part of the county’s share of Proposition 1B funds.

The county is awaiting environmental approval to begin a second phase of the project, which will add a box culvert at the intersection of El Centro Road and Escondido Avenue to direct storm flow runoff to the appropriate natural water course and add turning lanes on Escondido Avenue.

The board also authorized county staff to acquire right-of-way and easements north and south of Oak Hill Road and west of Caliente Road in Oak Hills for a realignment of Oak Hill Road west of Interstate 15 between Aster Road and Caliente Road to eliminate a sharp curve and improve pedestrian and traffic flow.

The total cost to acquire the right-of-way, the permanent road easement and the temporary construction easement, all from one parcel, is estimated at \$12,000, plus escrow and title fees. The total project cost is estimated at \$624,000.

The board today also approved a contract with American Asphalt South of Fontana to slurry seal various roads in the community of Wrightwood. Slurry seal rejuvenates and prolongs the life of damaged and worn-out asphalt surfaces.

Finally, the board approved a \$603,180 contract with Sully-Miller Contracting Company to rehabilitate a two-mile stretch of High Road north of Castle Rock Road in Lucerne Valley. The project will consist of full repaving. The project will be financed by part of the county’s share of Proposition 1B funds.